



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Illinois Route 59 (IL Rt. 59) is a main arterial route in western Will County. Over the next year IL Rt. 59 will be undergoing a major reconstruction from IL Rt. 126 to I-55. This estimated \$88 million reconstruction project is 80% federally funded. By the conclusion of the 7 mile project the following improvements will be made: widening of the roadway to include four lanes (two in each direction), curb and gutter, left turn lanes at major intersections, median installation, new storm sewers, traffic signals and roadway lighting.

In addition to the improvements made to IL Rt. 59, the bridge which carries IL Rt. 59 over the DuPage River north of Caton Farm Road will be reconstructed and a new interchange will be installed where IL Rt. 59 joins I-55 in Shorewood, IL.

An estimated 24,000 vehicles utilize IL Rt. 59 everyday. The I-55 Interchange serves an estimated 11,000 vehicles per day. These numbers are expected to rise as the communities of Plainfield, Joliet and Shorewood continue to grow. Due to increased traffic volumes and current conditions of the existing roads, the reconstruction is needed. The completion of this reconstruction project will reduce congestion and provide a safer roadway.

Please be aware delays are expected in the construction zone. Through traffic should use I-55 and U.S. Route 30 as an alternate route. Please note all businesses in the work zone will be open during construction.

IDOT values the importance of work zone safety. Please slow down in work zone areas. For the most up-to-date IL Rt. 59 project information please visit, www.dot.il.gov/il59/index.html

PROJECT TIMELINE*

FALL 2008

Utility Work Begins

SPRING 2009

Work Begins on Route,
Interchange and Bridges

FALL 2010

Project Completion

**Please note all dates are subject to change and are weather permitting. The timeline will continue to be updated as the project progresses. Thanks for your patience.*





INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The following major intersections along IL Rt. 59 will be improved during the reconstruction:

- US Rt. 30
- Ft. Beggs Drive
- Renwick Road
- Caton Farm Road
- Black Road
- Theodore Street
- Jefferson Street (US Rt. 52)

PROJECT DETAILS

The estimated \$88 million project will include the following improvements:

- Widening of lanes from IL Rt. 126 to I-55
- Addition of 2 lanes from IL Rt. 126 to I-55
- Left turn lanes at cross street intersections
- 10 miles of new storm sewers
- New traffic signal installation
- New roadway lighting installation
- Reconstruction of a major bridge that carries IL Rt. 59 over the Dupage River
- New interstate interchange at IL Rt. 59 & I-55

PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS

(1) Installation of a new storm sewer

(2) Earth excavation at IL Route 59 and Feeney Drive

(3) Pouring of temporary pavement on IL Route 59 north of Rolf Road

(4) Boring rig drills shafts for temporary retaining walls at Hammel Creek

(5) Compacting storm sewer trench

